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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:
Let us pray.

Most merciful God, the fountain of wisdom and goodness, on this snowy weekend, guide our lawmakers with Your insights. When confused thoughts emerge, clarify and straighten them with Your wisdom. Bring their desires and powers into conformity to Your will. May their lives be as lighted windows amid the encircling gloom. Lord, save them from a cynical pessimism by reminding them that these challenging

times are in Your Hands. Strengthen their resolve to press on with focused attention on the duties of this day.

Bless also the many unseen workers who support our Senators with sacrificial and faithful labors. Lord, reward them for their diligence and patriotism.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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